MR. JOSEPH VITHAYATHIL: If that is so, I do not want to move the resolution.

PRESIDENT: Perhaps so. As the House will be meeting very shortly, probably early in January, it will be better to discuss the matter then as orders are likely to be passed before that.

The resolution was, by leave, withdrawn.

The following resolution was not moved:

Abolition of export duty on cocoanut products.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: This Assembly recommends to the Government to abolish the export duty on cocoanuts and cocoanut products:

PUBLIC HOLIDAY TO COMMEMORATE TEMPLE ENTRY PROCLAMATION.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Sir, I beg to move the following resolution:

This Assembly recommends to the Government that one day in every year be declared a public holiday in consideration of the ever-lasting importance of the historic Temple Entry Proclamation.

Sir, in doing so, I am only voicing the general, I may say, the universal opinion of the country that the day on which the Temple Entry Proclamation, that great charter of liberty, was granted by our Gracious Sovereign, should be commemorated. An idea is gaining ground that a new era to be called the Sri Chitra Era be inaugurated from one end of India to the other. We are witnessing genuine demonstrations of joy and thankfulness. The Madras Assembly has, as we are all aware, passed a resolution congratulating His Highness the Maharaja of Travancore. This is the first time in the history when a representative Assembly in British India has adopted a motion in appreciation of a measure of reform promulgated by an Indian Ruler. The world is showing an ever increasing appreciation of the noble impulses and the solid achievements of our beloved Sovereign.

More than a thousand years ago, Sri Sankara carried the torch of culture, far and wide, from Kaladi to the Himalayas. The culture of India has been reared on the steel frame of the south.

We rejoice and the world rejoices that it had been given to His Highness Sri Chitra Tirunal to remove the dust of ages from the Hindu Religion and to set humanity again on its onward march of progress. The event which this resolution seeks to commemorate is grander and more far reaching than those which formed the foundation of the Kollam Era or the Vikrama Era. Here is an example of a pious Hindu Sovereign, the representative of the most ancient ruling dynasty in India, a model for others and an example for all time to come.

PRESIDENT: Order, order. I do not want to interrupt the honourable member, but I may inform him that that question is under consideration. Government would be glad to know the general views of this House and it is a matter of accepted significance that there need be no elaborate debate on the matter.

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MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: The value of that example is greatly enhanced by the fact that His Highness has effected the great reform with the full approval of the royal family and the patriotic inspiration of His Highness' mother, Her Highness Maharani Setu Parvati Bai. The memory of the day on which His Highness issued the great Proclamation is really as sacred as it is inspiring. I am sure that this House will acclaim it with one voice. It is indeed a circumstance of happy augury that at the time when this resolution is before the House, you, Sir, who has been so generous as to implement the reform, is occupying the Chair. I commend the resolution to the acceptance of the House.

MR. M. L. JANARDANA PILLAI: I second it.

The resolution was put and carried unanimously.

TEACHER'S PROVIDENT FUND.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: Sir, In moving the resolution which stands against my name, with the permission of the House. I would make a slight amendment to make the resolution clear. As amended, the resolution will read as follows :—

> This Assembly recommends to the Government that all aided educational institutions, which do not now make provision for provident fund, be compelled to subscribe to the Teachers' Provident Fund.

In making this amendment I may say that there are certain institutions conducted by certain well-recognised bodies which do provide for the provident fund of teachers. In those cases, it is not my intention that this recommendation should apply. The hardships and inequalities to which teachers in grant-in-aid schools are subjected and the treatment which according to them and according to this honorable House is really differential have been the subject of discussion on the floor of this House more than once. The privileges enjoyed by teachers in Government schools are not available ordinarily to teachers in grant in-aid schools. Teachers in educational institutions conducted by the department are entitled to draw old age pension at the age of superannuation. No such provision is made for teachers in grant-in-aid schools. So also in the matter of leave and allowances teachers in grant-in-aid schools do form a class distinct from the teachers in departmental schools. The grant-in-aid school teachers do not stand on a footing of equality or anything like equality with teachers of equal capacity who are by accident, if I may say so, employed in the departmental schools.

It is to make provision for such teachers that Government have started the Teachers' Provident Fund scheme. I believe I shall have the entire support of the Director of Public Instruction when I make the statement that there are grant-in-aid schools which do not provide for a teachers' provident fund scheme either at the instance of the Missions or the bodies that are responsible for conducting them, and do

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